

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification:

[0046] If the drive failure is determined 308 to not be catastrophic, the storage system controller 112 then determines 312 if the drive failure is a first drive failure. That is, no other electronic storage devices 114 are currently off-line or otherwise ~~malfunctioning~~ malfunctioning. If the storage system controller 112 determines 312 that the drive failure is a first drive failure, the storage system controller 112 enters 314 a first operating mode via the primary response module 214. The first operating mode is shown in further detail in Figure 4 and will be described in more detail below.